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REMEDIAL WATER

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified Application as set forth in the amendments below and in the attached marked copy.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following claims:

21. A closed container for decontaminating sludge material via injection and removal of remedial water prepared by electrochemical activation from material in the container, the container comprising:

- (a) a box that holds the sludge material;
- (b) a water impermeable liner and a geotextile water permeable liner lining the interior of the box;
- (c) a removable two dimensional array of injector pipes that are vertically inserted into the box to inject the remedial water;

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